

# The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 2920

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS  
PER QUARTER

## Banks.

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £580,000.

LONDON.  
Head Office: 40, Threadneedle Street.  
West End Office: 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN  
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT,  
Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE,  
ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for  
COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and  
Agency Business generally, on terms to be had  
on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:  
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 3 " 3 " " "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS  
3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

### NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Mr. A. B. McKean is authorized to sign  
all documents and exercise all Powers  
necessary for the conduct of the Business of the  
Bank as ACTING CHIEF MANAGER.

CHAU TUNG SHANG,  
WILLIAM WOTTON,  
CHAM KIT SHAN, Directors.  
D. GILLIES,  
KWAN OH CHUN.  
Hongkong, 24th July, 1891.

## Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST  
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30  
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

£1,000 STG. payable at death, would  
cost per quarter at the rate  
of:—

£6 18 0 (a) If premiums are payable for  
whole of life.

£9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited to 20  
years.

£11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15  
years.

£13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is made  
payable at age 50, or at  
death if previous.

\* Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40  
n. b. would cost respectively (a) £8 15 0,  
(b) £11 5 0, (c) £13 2 4, (d) £17 0 8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

932-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

### GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, are pre-  
pared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and  
LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co.,  
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889.

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, \$833,333-33  
EQUAL TO ..... \$318,000.00

RESERVE FUND ..... \$318,000.00

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUE MOON, Esq.  
LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

## MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891.

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

## WOO LIN YUEN,

HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, OFFICE ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1891.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
WILLIAM HEWETT, JUNIOR in our  
Firm ceased on 1st July instant.

W. HEWETT & Co.  
Hongkong, 14th August, 1891.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th  
instant the Undersigned entered into  
Partnership as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS,  
and intend to carry on business under the style  
of DANBY & POTTS.

All Forward Contracts made by the Partners  
previous to the 7th instant will be carried out by  
them individually, and independently of the  
said Firm.

S. T. DANBY,  
G. H. POTTS.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE  
AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the  
KINNEY BROS. New York branch of the  
American Tobacco (Trust) Company, well  
known brands of "SWEET CIGARETTE,"  
"STRAIGHT CUT," "FULL DRESS," &c.,  
&c. CIGARETTES and TOBACCOES.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 17th July, 1891.

## Intimations.

### THE DARVEL RAY TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that a GENERAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will  
be held at the Company's Office, Queen's Road  
Central, No. 5, at Noon, on THURSDAY, the  
20th August, 1891, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the Liquidators with a statement  
of Accounts up to 31st July, 1891.

FRITZ A. BROCKELMANN,  
E. R. FUHRMANN,  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, 12th August, 1891.

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary  
Yearly MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at  
the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the  
22nd day of August current, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Court of Directors, together with a Statement of  
Accounts to 30th June, 1891.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-  
TERS of SHARES of the Corporation  
will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 8th, to  
Saturday, the 22nd day of August current; (both  
days inclusive), during which period no Transfer  
of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the  
Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central,  
on MONDAY, the 24th August, at Three p.m.,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the  
30th June, 1891.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th of August,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1891.

### THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE.

THE Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the  
Company's Office, No. 2, Pedder's Street, on  
MONDAY, the 31st day of August, 1891, at  
4.30 p.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 15th to 31st inst.,  
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. V. P. DE JESUS,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1891.

#### NOTICE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,  
IN BANKRUPTCY.

Re ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

TELEGRAPHIC Instructions have been  
received from Mr. GEORGE WILKINSON,  
Official Receiver, High Court of Justice, London,  
authorizing the undersigned to act on his behalf  
in all matters pertaining to the above estate. All  
Creditors of the said firm at Hongkong are  
hereby requested to forward particulars of their  
claims to the undersigned, and all Debtors to  
the said firm are hereby notified that payment  
may only be made to the undersigned.

Dated the 11th day of July, 1891.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.

#### BOARD AND LODGING.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS,  
with Board.

Apply to Mrs. MATHER,  
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1891.

### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

#### NOTICE.

DURING this and next month members are  
recommended to practice at the 200, 500  
and 600 yards ranges. Blazing rules, and 7  
rounds and one sighting shot at each distance.  
It is desired that all scores made be sent in to  
the Secretary. A prize will be given to the  
competitor of the highest aggregate of not less  
than 5 prizes.

J. ANDERSON,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891.

### MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, (Sole Agents for Milke Coal Mine).

HAVE OPENED THEIR BRANCH HOUSE IN  
SINGAPORE,  
from 1st July instant.

Tel. Address—"Mitsui," Singapore.

New Building, Battery Road, Singapore.

#### DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP  
AND  
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
Dentist.

(Formerly articled Apprentice, and latterly  
assistant to Dr. ROGERS).

HAS REMOVED  
TO  
THE BANK BUILDINGS,  
QUEEN'S ROAD,  
(above Messrs. Danks Bros. of China, Ltd.).

CONSULTATION FREE.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1891.

## Intimations.

### CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,  
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS—NAUTICAL, ENGINEERING, and ELECTRICAL.  
OUTFITTING—A select, but inexpensive Stock.

SMOKERS' REQUISITES in great variety.  
AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND and CANADIAN DAIRY PRODUCE.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.  
18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1891.

## W. POWELL & CO.

JUST RECEIVED  
A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT  
OF

GENTLEMEN'S TROPICAL FELT HATS  
(CORK LINED)

IN BLACK, AND OTHER COLOURS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1891.

## ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERAI HATS

(ALL SHADES).

STRAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891.

## CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
AND  
Commission Agents.

JUST LANDED A FRESH LOT OF TOBACCOES.

"OLD RIB," "RICHMOND GEM,"  
"OUR BOYS," "VERGINIA FLAKE,"  
"CARTE BLANCHE,"

CIGARS.

Compagnie de General's most popular brands, in good condition always in stock.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891.



## IRISH WHISKEY.

SIR JOHN POWER & SON.

BRAND "3 SWALLOWS."

"1 SWALLOW."

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG AND CHINA.

Hongkong—18, Queen's Road.

## SHOOTING SEASON, 1891.

ELEY'S GREEN, BLUE and BROWN  
PISTOL NEW DAMP-PROOF CARTRIDGE CASES.

PISTON and WILKS ALLIANCE POWDER.

FELT, CLOTH and GREASE-PROOF WADS.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED and ORDINARY SHOT.

GUN IMPLEMENTS and SPORTING SUNDRIES.

SPORTING CARTRIDGES, loaded to order.

DOUBLE BARRELLED FOWLING PIECES.

MARTINI-HENRI RIFLES, WINCHESTER REPEATING CARBINES.

SMITH & WESSON'S REVOLVERS.

SHOOTING SUITS, STOCKINGS, HATS, BOOTS, &c.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1891.

## KELLY & WALSH, LD.

BOOKS FOR THE STUDY OF CHINESE.  
English and Cantonese Dictionary, Sixth  
Ed., by John Chalmers, L.L.D.—Just  
Published.....\$ 3.00

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trated by T.H.....\$ 2.00

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taining 200 Receipts in English and  
Chinese, by J. Dyer Ball.....\$ 2.00

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(From F. Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard).  
THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,  
and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS, SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED  
MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.  
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Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, balanced and Work guaranteed.  
OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.  
16 years' extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people  
devoting themselves entirely to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade.

## Consignees.

### THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, LIVERPOOL, AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship  
"OOPACK"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns,  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be  
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before  
Noon, on the 18th inst., or they will not be  
recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 17th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any  
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th  
inst. will be subject to rest.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice  
to the contrary be given before, at 5 p.m.,  
TO-DAY.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891.

## To be Let.

### TO LET.

HOUSES at the Peak and at BELILIOS  
TERRACE,  
ROOMS & SHOP in BEACONSFIELD ARCADE,  
Queen's Road.

GODOWNS in Duddell Street,  
BUNGALOW, "DELMAR," Yow-ma-tee.

Apply to BELILIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th August, 1891.

### TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.  
R. B. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on  
to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to  
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND  
AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1891.

### TO BE LET.

THE Premises now in occupation, known  
as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," in Queen's  
Road Central.

Possession from 1st July next.  
For further particulars, apply to  
THE MARINBURK FURNITURE Co., LD

Hongkong, 5th June, 1891.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

### TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES in KNITSFORD TER-  
RACE containing 5 Rooms each and  
Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.  
Cheap Rent.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT  
& AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891.

### TO LET.

NO. 29, MOSQUE JUNCTION.  
Apply to  
W. PETERSON,  
German Tavern.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1891.

### TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE FIRST FLOOR of No. 18, PRAYA  
CENTRAL, splendidly suited for SHIPPING  
OFFICES, having a commanding view over the  
entire Harbour. Rent \$50 per month.

Apply to the Manager,  
CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED,  
18, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

### TO BE LET.

NO. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE, Five  
Rooms.—Gas and Water laid on. Bath-  
rooms, Yard, and Coolie Quarters cemented.  
Rent moderate.

Apply to  
THE SECRETARY,  
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1891.

### TO BE LET.



## Intimations.

**DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED,**  
DISPENSING CHEMISTS, &c.  
LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.  
NATURAL APERIENT WATERS.

ON THE CHOICE OF A WATER.  
EXTRACT from the "London Medical Record," Mar. 20th, 1890, by GEO. HASCHKE, M.D. (London).  
In order to attain the highest success in the treatment of a case by a Natural Water, it is far better to study thoroughly one kind, and master its peculiarities, than to experiment with different sorts, each having a different dose and special attributes of its own.

The advantages of one mineral water over another may be put under the following heads:—  
1.—Smallness of dose.  
2.—Absence of unpleasant effect.  
3.—Solubility of Soda and Magnesia in nearly equal proportions.

On examining the chief waters on the English market with a view of making a selection, one is struck with the fact that a newly-imported water, the "Frans Josef," contains 190 and 178 grains to the pound of Sulphates of Magnesia and Soda respectively. This is much in excess of the quantities contained by either Hunyadi János, Friedrichshall, or Aesculap. It is evidently the strongest water by far, whilst at the same time it fortunately happens to be almost tasteless!

Price, cents 50 per bottle; per dozen \$5.50.  
We are sole agents in China for the sale of **FRANZ JOSEF WATER**,  
No. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.



BY APPOINTMENT.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**  
**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

Our New Factory has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

**LARGE BOMBAY "SODAS"**  
We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

**COAST PORT ORDERS,**  
whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

FOR COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Expenses when received in good order.  
Consentful Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is, **"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG,"**  
And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

**PURE AERATED WATERS**  
**SODA WATER**  
**LEMONADE**  
**POTASH WATER**  
**SELTZER WATER**  
**LITHIA WATER**  
**SARSAPARILLA WATER**  
**TONIC WATER**  
**GINGER ALE**  
**GINGERADE.**

No Credit given for bottles that look dirty, or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Water, as such bottles are never used again by us.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,**  
Hongkong, China, and Manila.

**For Sale.**  
**NOW READY.**

**"THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST"**  
FOR 1891.

THIS Valuable Work, with many NEW ADDITIONS and IMPROVEMENTS, IS NOW READY.

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Pedder's Hill,  
Hongkong, January 1st, 1891.

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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 1891.

## TELEGRAMS

## CANADIAN MINISTRY.

LONDON, August 14th.  
Honourable Sir Hector L. Langevin, Canadian Minister of Public Works, has resigned.

## THE NEW JERUSALEM.

Baron Hirsch has bought land to the extent of £2,000,000 Stg. in Argentina as a settlement for the Jewish emigrants.

[This is the ninth in the long list of charitable benefactions which have made Baron Hirsch famous. In fact his munificence is so tremendous as to eclipse everything recorded in the history of philanthropy. He came into prominence twenty five years ago as a very successful financier and railway contractor in Russia, Austria and Turkey. Even at that time he was known as a very generous man and was looked up to by the Russian rabbis as the best representative of their race in that part of Europe. He started the reading public twelve years ago by giving \$1,000,000 to the poor Jews in Palestine. This was followed by the benefaction of a fund of \$1,000,000 to assist Hebrews in colonizing the Holy Land. Then came a gift of \$3,000,000 to alleviate the condition of his race in Russia; of \$2,000,000 for the education of promising poor young Israelites; of \$1,000,000 to poor Jews in Austria-Hungary; of \$1,000,000 to aid Hebrews to emigrate from Russia; of \$1,000,000 to a New York Society for the benefit of Hebrew immigrants to the United States; of \$2,000,000 to purchase lands in Tennessee and other American States for the immigrants. These with \$12,000,000 now given make a total of \$35,000,000 bestowed in charity in twelve years. Altogether of these enormous figures the benefactions of George Peabody, George W. Childs, Lenox, Astor, Cooper, Girard, Smithson, Richardson, Draw, Tilden, Cornell, Pratt, Colgate, Rockefeller and Sloss are insignificant, although they ranged from \$500,000 to \$5,000,000 each. The last act of munificence reveals a fact known to but few readers, viz. that in the Russian communities are vast number of Jewish farmers and farmhands. In Western Europe the race runs almost exclusively to trade and banking, but in the Muscovite domains for at least five centuries they have been quite successful tillers of the soil. It is for the benefit of this class that the Baron has purchased the immense tracts of land in North and South America. At the ruling rates in those countries, they cannot measure less than 200,000 acres,—much more than any one of the fifty great fiefdoms of Europe.—Ed.]

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Pendular* left Shanghai at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday for this port.

THREE runners attached to the Taotai's vanguard in Shanghai died in two days from the effects of a sporadic form of cholera.

THE annual aquatic carnival has been fixed for the 11th and 12th proximo. The programme is now in course of preparation.

MESSRS. Dodwell, Carill & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamer *Empress of China*, from Liverpool, is due here on Saturday morning.

THERE are no cases on the calendar of the Criminal Sessions to-morrow and the clerk of court desires to inform jurors summoned for to-morrow that they need not attend.

WHEN it is one minute after eight o'clock it is past eight. When it is 30 minutes after eight it is half-past eight. Here is another discovery to make the world pause and feel sad.

MRS. FLOWERY—Who is your favorite in local society? Dr. Bowles—Mrs. Tomes. Mrs. Flowery—Why, how can you, doctor? She's a hopeless invalid as you know perfectly well. Dr. B.—That's why I love her!

WE are informed by the agent of the O. & O. S. Co., that the steamship *Bahia*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 30th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and is under orders to leave for this port to-morrow.

THERE are the weeks when love-love mads repose. Their callow cheeks when your young man's shoulder. And leave upon his clothes, in white and rose, A tell-tale mark to tickle each beholder.

IT WAS ALMOST A DIVORCE.  
Mr. Callow (newly-married)—You do not seem, dear, to appreciate my career. Mrs. C.—Yes, I do, dear. But your mustache tickles so, that I have more trouble in getting used to it, than I ever had before.

AT the Maritimity to-day a coolie was fined \$5 for cutting down a tree. Had his worship ordered that the delinquent should be made personally acquainted with one of the saplings of the same, the case would have been appropriately met.

MODERN FINANCE.  
Secretary of Corporation "Limited." President—How do we do? Secretary—Libilities \$300,000 and assets \$300,000. President—Give me your wife \$100,000 this morning, please to give and compromise at 30 on the dollar to-morrow.

COOK—"Miss, I should like to ask you for my character." Lady—"Why, what can I put down, you idle, good-for-nothing creature? You surely don't expect me to say that you gave satisfaction." Cook—"You need do nothing of the kind. Just say that I lasted out with you for three months—that will be the best character you could give me."

WHEN the police were searching a house for opium last evening an old offender in the illicit line, jumped from a window and not being provided with a Baldwin parachute he fell a bit heavily damaging the street somewhat, but himself considerably. He is in the Civil Hospital dock just now, but later on he is to appear in that of the Police Court.

THEY were talking of the vanity of women, and one of the few ladies present undertook a defence. "Of course," she continued, "I admit that all women are vain. The men are not. But, by the way," she suddenly broke off, "a single one of the handsomest men in this room is up under his ear." She had worked it. Every man present put his hand up to his neck.

A PROCUREUR named Leung A Tai was brought before Mr. A. S. Wise this morning charged with having brought a young girl into the Colony for purposes of prostitution. It appears the unfortunate was brought from Macao and kept in a brothel at Sam-sui-po. Mr. Wise regarded it as a very serious case and sentenced the woman to 12 months' imprisonment for which he deserves the thanks of the community.

"Did you bring a field-glass with you?" "Never thought of that; but we can drink out of the flask."

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Aug. 16th, are:—Europeans 147, Chinese 2,052; total 2,209.

MAGISTRATE—"Now, then, McCarthy, no prevarication. Tell us all that passed between you and the defendant." McCarthy—"Brickbats, yer honour; brickbats."

Low prices at Kelly and Walsh's—Miss Blackstock—"I want 'A young Englishman,' please. Polite Clerk—"Which style please, the 30 cent or the one dollar kind?"

THE magistrates of Tientsin and Wuching district have been deprived of their posts on account of their inability to cope with the rioters in the recent rising against missionaries.

MR. Hotblood—"It's singular I cannot have a little peace in my own home. Mr. Hotblood—"When you do have it, you don't appreciate it, but go off in a second and worry me to death."

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Gibbs, Livingston & Co.) that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Manila* left Port Darwin on Saturday for this port, and may be expected to arrive on the 24th inst.

## LIFE ON THE PEAK.

Paterfamilias—Have you taken your chlorodyne? Daughters—O, Yes, Pater—Your quinine? Daughters—Certainly, Pater—Have you put camphor and carbolic acid in your cholera belt? Daughters—Yes, Sir, Pater—Then let's go to church and thank God!

A PHOTOGRAPHER named Dixon having from Toronto gave an unparalleled exhibition of nerve at Suspension Bridge last month by walking on a wire cable stretched across the Niagara gorge over the rapids. The cable was 700 feet long, and it took Dixon fifteen and a half minutes to cross, including four stops during which he performed a number of hazardous feats. The wire was not well guyed, and sagged fully twenty feet in the middle. The heat was intense. Dixon was prevented first by trickery and then by the heat from crossing. He did, however, go out about fifty feet and perform a number of gymnastic feats at both ends of the cable. His wife and child were on the scene. The former was quite hysterical before her husband concluded the exhibition.

THE following letter is in continuation of the correspondence between the Chambers of Commerce in Hongkong and Amoy and the local Government, which we published on June 1st:—

## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

6th August, 1891.

SIR,—With reference to my letter No. 741 of the 2nd of May, I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to acquaint you, for the information of the Chamber of Commerce, that his Excellency is apprised by the Secretary of State for the Colonies that the Marquis of Salisbury is in communication with her Majesty's Minister at Peking on the subject of the case of the "Esmeralda."

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
(Signed) F. H. MAY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

F. Henderson, Esq., Secretary, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

AS an illustration of the extraordinary vitality of the Chinese Dr. Pritchard in his recent report on the working of the Peking Mission Hospital quotes the case of a man who had been so beaten over the shin in a street fight that the bones of the leg had been badly fractured, after which a suitable finish had been given to the work by twisting the foot on the fractured bone. The doctor goes on to say:—"When the patient arrived at the hospital some days afterwards, absence of cleanliness during the heat of summer, and a lowered vitality of the tissue in an already ill-nourished man, rendered any microscopic search for living organisms quite superfluous. After being under our care for nearly a fortnight, the man, with whom he had been quarrelling, and who had received a slight wound, suddenly died, and our patient then being considered guilty of manslaughter, was removed to a Chinese prison. His condition was certainly most unpromising. Bad consumption of both legs, with considerable areas of bare bone exposed, much of the soft part having sloughed away. We thought that without care, in a wretched Chinese prison, death would probably soon mercifully terminate his sufferings. What was our surprise, long afterwards, to see him walk, or perhaps rather limp, into our dispensary, and display his legs, though disfigured, still with firmly united bones, and ask us for a little ointment to put on a spot or two where healing of the superficial structures was not quite complete. The man told us that his keepers had anticipated his early death in prison, and thought it better, on the whole, that he should die outside, and had accordingly put him out. The event proved their expectations to have been mistaken as our own."

IT is seldom that Labouchere follows the example of Silas Wegg and "drops into verse." When he does, it is always good. His latest effusion is entitled "The British Soldier's Song" and was excited by the custom of the leading hotel in Folkestone not to admit soldiers in uniform to their coffee-room and reading-room:—

When I put the Queen's uniform on,  
I wore it with unconcealed pride,  
For I said "It is one  
In which deeds have been done  
That no one will dare to deride."  
'Twill be known and admired everywhere,  
And 'twill be a distinction to wear,  
This tunic of red."

So I held up my head  
With a proudly self-satisfied air,  
Yes, honour I reckoned upon  
When I first put this uniform on!

Chorus of other Invalued Soldiers.  
Nor will it appear strange to you,  
When the fact is reflected upon,  
That these thoughts occurred to us too,  
When we put this uniform on!

But alas! as I've found to my cost  
This uniform, feared by our foes,  
But a pretext is made  
To insult and degrade  
The soldier wherever he goes;  
And my cheeks have been often aflame,  
As I've found it a passport to shame;  
A badge of disgrace,  
Deemed unfit for a place  
'Midst people of wealth and good fame—  
Things that I never counted upon  
When I first put this uniform on.

Chorus of other Invalued Soldiers.  
And things, pray allow us to state,  
Which should be corrected anon,  
If you still expect men of spirit  
To put the Queen's uniform on.

SCADSBY—I think the Anti-Gambling Bill is a fraud. Gadaby—Why hello, you were in favor of it yesterday morning! Scadaby—Yes, but I was over at Kowloon last night and flattered them for a clean three hundred! See?

UNDERTAKER SNIFFLES—Can you collect a claim of mine for burying Joblots last month? Solicitor Pickings—who was a personal enemy of Joblots. You can't collect a bill in Hell, young man. Undertaker—I know I can't Sir; but I knew that you were the most likely man to do it.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—  
Overture—"You are Here" By Albert.  
Valse—"Christmas Eve" By Albert.  
Selection—"The Women of the Guard" Sullivan.  
Song—"The Merry Widow" By Albert.  
Selection—"The Merry Widow" By Albert.

TOMMY—"Father, if I take a half-crown out of somebody's pocket, that's stealing, isn't it?" Mr. Fitz—"Certainly." "And if I bet a half-crown and win his half-crown, that's gambling?" "Of course." "And if I've got something worth only half-a-crown, and sell it to him for five shillings, what is that?" "That? Oh, why, that's business, Tommy—simply business."

AT Canton on the 4th inst. a young and lovely charmer named Kian Chiek feeling lonely over the loss of her land and master entrusted her person to the care of one Tong Wo of whom she begged protection as far as Hongkong. "We liked her so well that he entered her in a company bill to Singapore to search for the missing one. Mrs. Chiek, however, hung fire whereupon the gallant Wo drew his dagger and slashed the unfortunate woman right across the breast. She is now in the hospital and he is pining in the "jug," but the sequel is to follow.

SHORTLY after 8 o'clock on Saturday evening a party engaged a sampan at Yau-mai pier to convey them on board a junk which was lying some distance out in the harbor and whilst en route one of the crew of the sampan was suddenly missed. A search was made and as no trace of the man could be found the matter was reported to the police. Inspector Hanson at once commenced dragging the body which he succeeded in finding yesterday morning. "Great excitement exists amongst the boating population at Yau-mai for they are so firmly convinced that the deceased was maliciously murdered by the crew of an evil spirit and they wonder whose turn it will be next.

ONE of our occasional contributors sends us a short verse, written in compliment to Mrs. Blank, who for the best amateur vocalists. As the poem is above the average, we publish it with congratulations to the author:—

Your eyes reflect the stary night  
In radiance bright  
Yet ever gracious and serene:  
Upon your forehead broad and white  
I see the light  
Which falls from Heaven's walls. I ween:  
And listening spell-bound by your voice  
I hear rejoice  
The seraphs far above, unseen.

ANOTHER being sadly unfortunate and rashly inopportune solved the great secret on Saturday by putting a bullet through his brains. He was a man named Weston, aged 42, and a ganger belonging to the Chinese Customs service. He was in charge of the revenue launch *Rong Sing* which is stationed at Lai-che-koak and at about 5 p.m. left the launch in a dingy apparently with the deliberate intention of committing suicide. His second officer, a Mr. Clarkson had already taken one revolver from him as he suspected Weston meditated shooting himself. As the deceased left the launch he remarked "I won't come back alive and I won't go out of the world single handed." Shortly after leaving he drew his revolver and blew his brains out upon which his crew immediately jumped overboard. The deceased leaves a wife and child in the colony. He was buried at 6 o'clock this morning.

THE stir that his Satanic majesty made when he waited in among the tallows was not a circumstance compared to that which the "dead meat" carrying syndicate of Brown, Jones & Co. made when they removed to Queen's Road central the other day and took premises right between the legal Grass of Denney & Mossop and Mr. Alphabetical Roddy. That birds of a feather usually flock together has been so acknowledged fact ever since Solomon was a little boy but in this instance nature seems to have been at fault for the "family" fell out from the start. The lawyers argued that it was all very well for an undertaker to set up shop next door to a doctor, but to come between the wind and the law's nobility was carrying a ghastly joke too far, so they sought to eject the man of bones. Whether they will succeed or not remains to be seen, but think the combination a very happy one if the parties concerned would only change signs. The skull and cross-bones for the lawyers (symbolic of the old trade) and a sheet of parchment for the other.

THE N. C. Daily News learns from a Chungking correspondent the following interesting details of the settlement of the *Hsin* trouble there. There existed at Chungking what were known as the old *Hsin* and the new *Hsin*. The old *Hsin* is that otherwise known as *Lo Hsin*, a tax on all goods sold in the city; the *Hsin* is called *Ko Hsin*, and is a tax on all goods passing Chungking by boat, either up or down. The export trade was stopped at first, and it appears, because it was understood that the Taotai intended to collect both *Hsin*; but finally the Taotai notified through the Consulate of Customs, Mr. Hobson, that it was the old *Hsin* that he intended to enforce, and he proposed to charge it at the rate of one per cent on the value declared at the foreign customs, and it was all the same to him whether it was paid by the native or foreign merchant. Heretofore this *Hsin* has been paid monthly by the Chinese traders; they were supposed to pay one and two-tenths per cent on the value of all the goods sold in the city; but as they made their own returns, and the old officials had no check on them, the amount paid in to the *Hsin* office was very much less than it should have been. The officials have from time to time tried to correct this discrepancy, but the merchants have always resisted them successfully. The acceptance of the proposition made through Mr. Hobson, has led to a small business being done, and several small junks have cleared for Ichang. The position is therefore that formerly goods sent away from Chungking under transit pass paid the transit half-duty, but no *Hsin*. As the *Hsin* now exacted, including that from the interior, is less than the transit half-duty, the merchants are perfectly satisfied, and as they have done before, they will probably resist again, successfully, should the Taotai try to raise the *Hsin*. In the middle of July, when our correspondent was all was perfectly quiet at Chungking, and a new Taotai was expected in the autumn. His arrival at Shanghai is referred to in the Notes from Native Papers in another column.

## MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present:—H. E. Major-General Digby Barker, Officer Administering the Government, Mr. W. M. Goodman (Acting Colonial Secretary); Mr. A. J. Leach (Acting Attorney-General); Mr. S. Brown (Surveyor-General); Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart (Registrar-General); Mr. N. G. Mitchell-Innes (Colonial Treasurer); Messrs. J. J. Keswick, P. Rye, T. H. Whitehead, and Ho Kai.

MINUTES.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CENSUS RETURNS.  
The Acting Colonial Secretary begged to lay the Census Returns which he had received from the Registrar General.

H. E. the Governor said that the return showed a remarkable and steady increase in the population of the colony, and he wished to compliment the Registrar General and his Department for the way in which they had carried out their task.

ARMS CONSOLIDATION ACT.  
The Acting Attorney General moved the 3rd reading of the Arms Consolidation Ordinance, 1891, which was seconded by the Colonial Secretary. The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE.  
The Ordinance was read a second time. The Acting Attorney General explained that it was not proposed to go further than the second reading of the Bill to-day, as his Excellency the Governor was desirous of adjourning the Council. Thereupon the Chamber adjourned sine die.

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.  
The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the fifth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's office, 2, Pedder's Street, on Monday, 31st August, 1891, at 4.30:—

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the half-year, ending 30th June 1891.

ACCOUNTS.  
After paying all running Expenses, Salaries, Repairs and all other current outgoings including the sum of \$245.05 written off for bad and doubtful debts, there remains a balance of \$278.16 of Profit and Loss Account and it is proposed to deal with this amount as follows:—

To write off Extraordinary Expenditure \$ 710.50  
To pay a dividend of 3 per cent. which will absorb..... 1,500.00  
And the Balance of \$1,278.66 to be carried to new Account.

The Working Account for the six months, shows a Profit of \$416.30 which is a great improvement on any previous Report.

AUDITORS.  
Messrs. R. Lyall and L. Downes retire and offer themselves for re-election.

J. W. NOBLE,  
Chairman.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT, 30TH JUNE, 1891.

Value of Steam-launches as per last Statement..... \$ 50,305.11  
Extraordinary expenditure..... 710.50

Less amount written off as per last Report..... 1,000.00

Sundry Debtors..... 8,826.80  
Accounts in the hand of Solicitors..... 900.55  
Hongkong Hotel 6 per cent. Debentures (10)..... 5,000.00  
Furniture..... 35.00  
Preliminary Expenses Account..... 924.40  
Cash on Hand..... 22.34  
Coal on Hand..... 1,048.80  
Stationery on Hand..... 40.00  
Interest and Suspense Account..... 360.00

\$67,173.70

Subscribed Capital—2,000 Shares at \$50.....100,000  
of which \$30 on each Share has been paid up..... 60,000.00  
Sundry Creditors..... 3,384.54  
Balance of Profit and Loss Account..... 3,789.16

\$ 67,173.70

WORKING ACCOUNT, FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH JUNE, 1891, INCLUSIVE.

Profit and Loss Account..... \$ 4,167.31

Net Earnings of Steam-launches to date..... \$ 4,167.31

Amount written off as per last Report.....\$1,000.00  
Bad Debts..... 245.05  
Auditors Fees..... 100.00  
Charges Account..... 313.00  
Interest Account..... 2.40  
Balance forward..... 3,789.16

\$5,447.51

Balance brought forward from last Account.....\$1,280.80  
Amount brought forward from working account (net earnings)..... 4,167.31

\$5,447.51

E. & O. E.  
J. V. P. DE JESU,  
Acting Secretary.

R. LYALL,  
LARRY DOWNES,  
Auditors.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1891.







